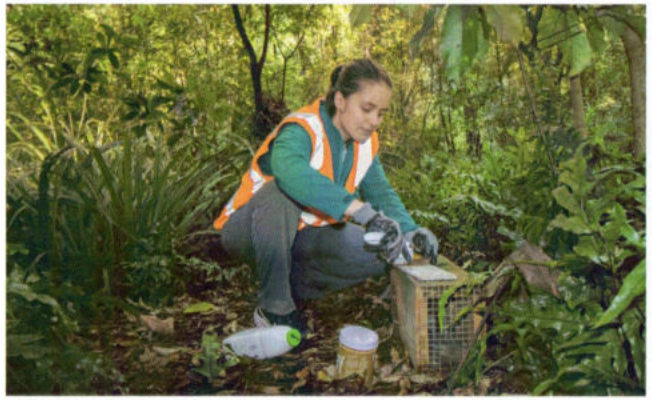
City
Sanctuary
Predator Free Dunedin

Backyards

We are helping residents across Dunedin get involved in backyard trapping. Reducing possums to very low numbers in key parts of the city is our focus. We provide possum and rat traps, training and support to get people involved right from home.

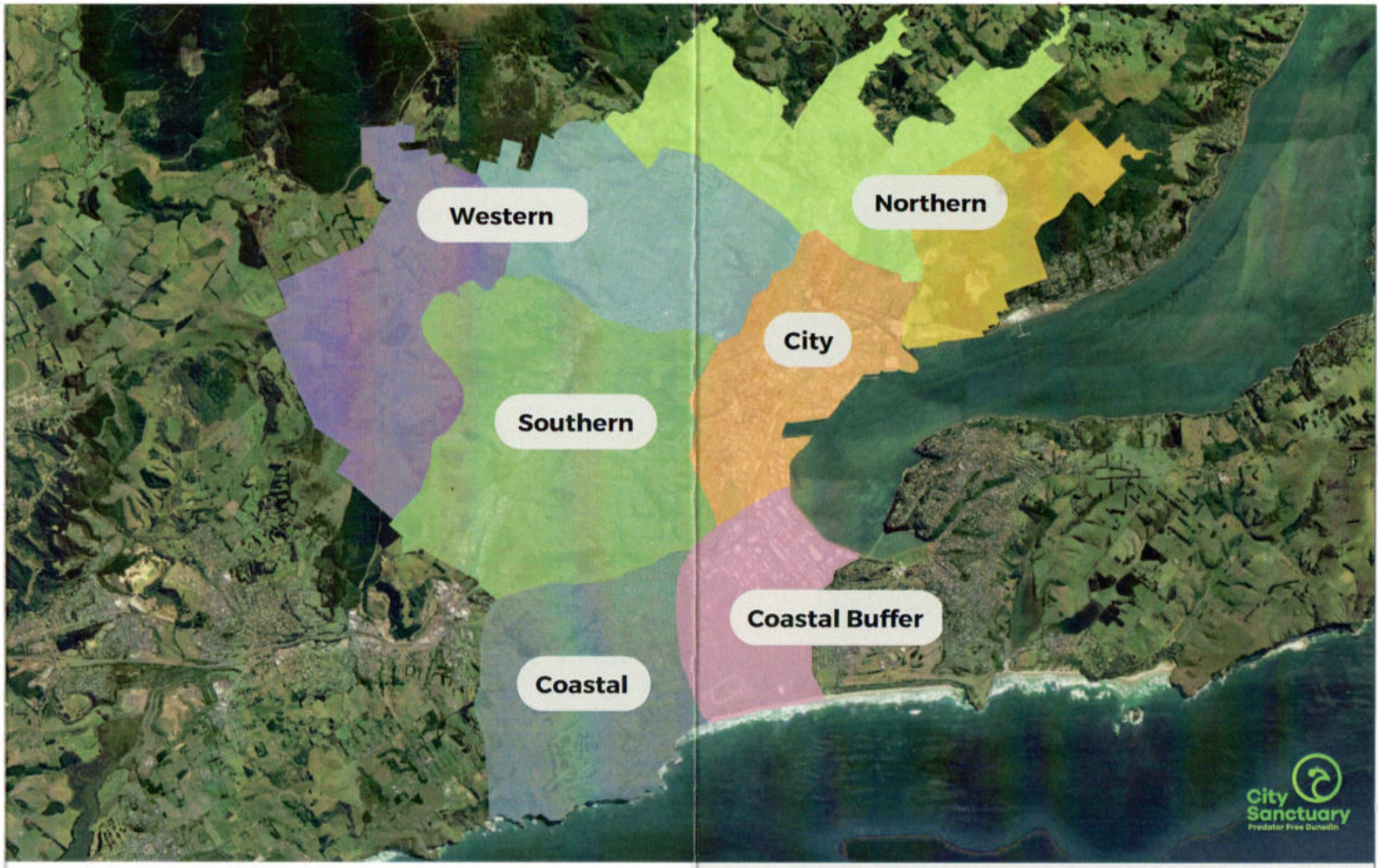
All our traps are safe to use around pets, do not contain toxins, and meet humane testing guidelines.



Parks and Reserves

Dunedin's urban parks and reserves provide important habitat for native birds, lizards and insects. Reducing predators to low numbers in these areas will allow native forest to regenerate and wildlife to live safely. One day birds like kākā could nest in our reserves again!

We have hundreds of traps protecting reserves across the city. Trap lines are checked regularly by trained volunteers and we are always looking for more people to help.



Get Involved

Reducing the threat of introduced predators will take the whole community.

Host a trap

If you live in one of our current target suburbs, sign up to host a backyard trap.

Volunteer

Help check trap lines, monitor pests, repair equipment, deliver letterbox packs, prepare bait, and much more.

Sign up online: citysanctuary.nz

Coastal

Calton Hill, Caversham, Concord, Corstorphine, Kew, St Clair

Coastal Buffer

South Dunedin, St Kilda

Northern

Dalmore, Glenleith, Liberton, North Dunedin, North East Valley, Ōpoho, Pine Hill, Woodhaugh

Southern

Balaclava, Belleknowes, Bradford, Canongate, City Rise, Clyde Hill, The Glen, Kaikorai, Kenmure, Lookout Point, Maryhill, Mornington

Western

Brockville, Glenross, Halfway Bush, Helensburgh, Maori Hill, Mont Grand, Three Mile Hill, Wakari

City Sanctuary is a Predator Free Dunedin project working to reduce possums, rats and stoats in our city.

Our work connects large-scale predator control on the Otago Peninsula (Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group) and across Dunedin's hills, backcountry and western harbour (The Halo Project).

Learn more: predatorfreedunedin.org

Creating a sanctuary in our city for native wildlife to flourish.

Imagine hearing the playful calls of kākā in your garden or being awakened by a rich chorus of birdsong.

This is part of our vision to reduce the threat of introduced predators in Dunedin City so people and native wildlife thrive together.

Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi.
Engari, he toa takitini.

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.

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